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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT - IBRD HIGHWAY PROJECT - III

REF: STATE A933

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SUBJECT PROJECT LOAN IS INTENDED TO BE USED PRIMARILY FOR CONSTRUCTION, PAVEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF SOME 800 KM. OF NATIONAL ROAD NETWORK IN 12 DIFFERENT SECTIONS THROUGHOUT KOREA. PROJECT INCLUDES 613 KM. OF IMPROVEMENT AND PAVEMENT AND 187 KM. OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PAVEMENT.

2. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE:  
MR. YOUNG, KEUNG WHAN,  
DIRECTOR, HIGHWAY PLANNING OFFICE,  
MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION,  
SEOUL, KOREA

OR MR. LEE, KYUNG SHIN,  
CHIEF, HIGHWAY PLANNING DIVISION,  
HIGHWAY PLANNING OFFICE,  
MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION,  
SEOUL, KOREA

3. COST AND FINANCING: TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ARE PRESENTLY ESTIMATED AT DOLS \$190 MILLION. MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION HAS RECEIVED A PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT FROM IBRD FOR DOLS \$80  
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MILLION AS A PROJECT LOAN WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED IN CASH

FOR THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SUPERVISION OF PROJECT.

4. EXPECTED BID DATES: ESTIMATED DATE FOR MOC ISSUE OF INVITATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS IS LAST PART OF 1975 AND MOC PLANS CALL FOR LOCAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IF THEY MEET REQUIREMENTS. ESTIMATED DATE FOR SELECTION OF FOREIGN CONSULTING FIRM FOR PROJECT SUPERVISION IS ALSO IN THE LATTER PART OF 1975.

5. POTENTIAL U.S. SALES: U.S. INVOLVEMENT COULD INCLUDE PROJECT CONSULTING SERVICES ONLY (DOLS 1 MILLION) AS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR ALL PREVIOUS HIGHWAY PROJECTS HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY LOCAL CONTRACTORS. A. U. S. CONSULTANTENGINEERING FURM, WILBUR SMITH, CONDUCTED THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK FOR THE SUBJECT PROJECT AND IS LIKELY TO BE RETAINED BY THE MOC IN CONSULTATION WITH IBRD AS PROJECT SUPERVISORY ENGINEERING FIRM. CONSTRUCTION FIRM WHICH WINS CONTRACT WILL PROBABLY BUY OR LEASE NEEDED EQUIPMENT FROM LOCAL AGENTS.

6. POST COMMENTS: ACCORDING TO MOC OFFICIALS, AN IBRD APPRAISAL MISSION IS DUE TO VISIT KOREA IN LATE MARCH, 1975. MOC HOPES TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS BY THIS FALL AND CONCLUDE THE FORMAL LOAN AGREEMENT WITH IBRD BY THE END OF 1975 SO THAT PROJECT CAN BE STARTED IN JANUARY 1976. DUE TO LIMITED SCOPE FOR U.S. INVOLVEMENT POST WILLINOT REPORT FURTHER ON THIS PROJECT.  
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